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Ex Parte – Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room TW-A325
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 99-200 and 96-98

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 22, 2003, Level 3 Communications, LLC, made an ex parte filing in these dockets. It describes two meetings between representatives of Level 3 and certain FCC staff members that took place on August 20 and 21, 2003, at which Level 3 discussed "the barrier to entry created by the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) denial of Level 3's requests for NXX codes in Iowa." Level 3 expresses its opinion that the Board erred when it affirmed NANPA's decision to deny telephone numbers to Level 3 for the purpose of providing VNXX service.

The Iowa Utilities Board (Iowa) believes it is appropriate that Level 3 should present its point of view to the FCC; however, Iowa also believes that the "Final Decision And Order" issued in the case referred to by Level 3, specifically, Iowa Utilities Board Docket Nos. SPU-02-11 and SPU-02-13, on June 6, 2003, should also be filed with the FCC in the above-referenced dockets so that the FCC's record will be complete. A copy of the Iowa order is attached.

In accordance with FCC Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in each of the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely,

/s (submitted electronically)

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General Counsel

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